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**FOR \$2½ PER MONTH**

**Intimations.**  
**TAI-CHING INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
**NOTICE.**  
 R. JAMES KENNARD DAVIS will from  
 this date, and until further notice, act  
 as Secretary of this Company at the Head  
 Office.  
 Shanghai.  
 By order of the Court of Directors,  
 HERBERT S. MORRIS, Secretary.  
 646 Shanghai, 21st April, 1878.  
**TAI-CHING INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
 1872-1874.  
**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS**

## interim DIVIDEND

Eighty (Ths. 80) per Share, sanctioned at  
setting of Shareholders held on 14th inst.,  
declared, and will be made payable on  
tation of Warrants at the HONGKONG  
SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on the  
24th April, 1873.  
By order of the Court of Directors,  
HERBERT S. MORRIS,  
Secretary.  
1747 Shanghai, 19th April 1873.  
HONGKONG PIER and GODOWN  
COMPANY, LIMITED.  
**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**  
Extraordinary MEETING of Share

Office, 44, Queen's Road C

In the afternoon of SATURDAY, the  
 next, for the purpose of receiving a  
 report of accounts to the 31st May, 1873.  
 The Report of the Directors, and of the  
 Officers of Directors and Auditors.  
 The General Bodies of the Company will be  
 held from the 1st to the 31st June, but  
 exclusive.  
 By order,  
 MICHAEL MOSES, Secy.  
 48 Hongkong, 26th April, 1873.  
 NOTICE.  
 THE SEAFARERS' HOSPITAL, is about to  
 be transferred to the Admiralty, notice is  
 given, that no patients will be received  
 at above institution after this date.  
 By order,  
 W. S. ADAMS, M.D.,  
 Surgeon in Charge,  
 of the Hospital,  
 Hongkong, 26th April. 1873. [at 640  
 BONNETT & Co.  
 now SELLING OFF from this date  
 ENGLISH PRICES,

## MILLINERY, DRESSMAKING, ETC.

ERY, STATIONERY, PERFUMERY,  
LERY, TOYS, UMBRELLAS, and a  
of other GOODS.  
41 Hongkong, 25th April, 1873.  
KRUPP'S CANP STEEL WORKS,  
ESSEN (GERMANY.)  
SOLE AGENT FOR CHINA AND  
JAPAN.  
F. PEIL,  
*Hongkong, Shanghai, Cologne (Germany.)*  
LICK HOUSE.  
ER MONTGOMERY AND SUTTER  
STREETS.

IN CHARGE, CALIFORNIA

"LICK" offers unsurpassed accommodation for Tourists, being centrally located, being horse cars for all parts of the city at its door. Its rooms and suites are fitted for comfort, while its Dining Hall is pledged to be the most elegant room of its kind in America, or the Continent. Its menu is second to no institution of its kind; its cuisine of the season, prepared by the best of cooks being daily placed on its tables. The "LICK" offers to the Tourist, where every attention is guaranteed to the comfort of its guests that the most judicious of experienced men in their callings, can afford.

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## ES TO CONSIGNEE

**FISH STEAMER GLENDARROCH,**  
FROM LONDON, &c.  
SIGNDEES of Cargo by the above  
steamer are hereby informed that their  
cargoes are being landed and stored at their  
respective Godowns of the Hongkong Pier  
Down Company, from whence delivery  
may be obtained.  
The remaining stores after the 2nd prox.  
subject to rent.  
Signdees are requested to send their Bills  
for Counter-signature to  
**GILMAN & Co.,**  
Agents.  
2 Hongkong, 25th April, 1873.

NIE DES MESSAGE

**NOTICE.**  
SIGNERS of Cargo for **S.S. EUFRATE**,  
on London, in connection with the  
camer, are hereby informed that their  
re being landed and stored at their risk  
Company's Godowns, whence delivery  
obtained from **SATURDAY MORN-**  
**g 26th instant.**  
**ALL CARGO** will be forwarded to its  
own, unless intimation is received from  
signees before **TO-MORROW**, at noon,  
ing it to be landed there.  
remaining unclaimed after **MONDAY**,

ing will be countersigned

O. BEERTRAND,  
Principal Agent.  
Hongkong, 25th April, 1873.  
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PAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

SHIPPERS per Company's steamer  
OMED are hereby notified that the  
being discharged into Craft, and landed  
Godowns of the undersigned, in both  
will be at consignee's risk. The cargo  
ready for delivery from Craft or Godown  
for the 21st April, 1873.  
undelivered after 28th April, 1873,  
subject to Rent.  
WATERFIELD & SONS

gkong, 22nd April, 1873

AGENTS OF Goods by the above  
owner are hereby notified that the  
being discharged, landed and stored at  
into the Godowns of the Hongkong  
Godown Company, whence delivery  
obtained.  
remaining in store after the 23rd inst.  
subject to rent.  
al Cargo will be forwarded on to  
t, unless applied for by the Consignees  
P.M. TO-DAY, the 18th inst.  
Consignees are requested to send in their  
orders to  
SINGAPORE & C.

nd, 18th April, 1873.

Shanghai, and the undersigned, on behalf of the  
Messrs. Wilkinsons, Master, from Mel-  
bourne and Sydney, are hereby informed that  
they will obtain delivery of their Cargo from  
the above named Vessel, on paying the Freight due as per  
Bill of Lading to the Undersigned.

WM. PUSTAU & Co.,



## THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY

For 1873.

NOW READY.

THIS work, now in the ELEVENTH year of its existence, is ready for delivery.

It has been compiled and printed at the Daily Press Office, as usual, from the best and most authentic sources, and no pains have been spared to make the work complete in all respects.

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In addition to a Chromo-Lithograph Plate of the

NEW CODE OF SIGNALS IN USE AT THE PEAK:

also of

THE VARIOUS HOUSE FLAGS

(Designed expressly for this work)

MAPS OF HONGKONG, JAPAN, and of the

THE COAST OF CHINA;

besides other local information and statistics corrected to date of publication, tending to make this work in every way suitable for Public, Mercantile, and General Offices.

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## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 26th, 1873.

The paragraph which we reprinted recently from the *Shanghai Courier's* Peking correspondent, gives a very important piece of news in a very short compass. The Son of Heaven has actually condescended to make himself visible to vulgar eyes in Peking; and, as the populace was permitted to gaze upon the occupant of the Dragon Throne, there was nothing to prevent the outside barbarian from doing the like. It is sincerely to be hoped that this is an indication that the example of the Sovereign of Japan is having some effect upon the Chinese, and that they are about to make an attempt to abolish some portion of the exclusiveness and arrogance of the rulers of the land, which has been one of the chief causes not only of much discontent among the people, but of necessity of an unsatisfactory state of relations with foreign nations.

It has been shrewdly observed by a writer upon China that the Chinese raise their Emperor so high as virtually to deprive him of all power; and there can be no doubt that the abstraction of the centralizing force which is certain to be produced by the Chief Magistrate, be his title President, King, or Emperor, taking an active part in the government of the Kingdom, has been one of the chief sources of weakness to the Chinese Empire. The Mandarins have hitherto favoured this policy, with a view to increasing their own powers, which they are aware would be weakened should the Emperor be invested with too strong an executive authority, and be able too directly to influence the large masses upon whom, even in the most absolutely governed countries, the power of the rulers must very largely depend. In doing this they have been backed by the traditions of the Empire, which have always been in favour of the sovereign being lodged around by a superstitious reverence, and kept in the background to such a degree that he must of necessity become a mere puppet in the hands of his advisers. There is, however, of course a point at which a policy of this kind becomes dangerous to those who set it on foot, as their own power becomes gradually diminished, as the source from which at least a very considerable amount of its emanates becomes lessened. Thus, this movement has to some extent its cure within itself, and it may possibly be that, without definitely appreciating the nature of the political principle upon which circumstances have induced them to act, the officials at the capital are dimly perceiving that the policy of exclusion does not tend to the preservation in its fullest energy of the central authority, upon which they are of necessity so largely dependent.

If such is the fact, there is reason for congratulation, as there can be little doubt that a more rational understanding between the rulers and the ruled would tend to do away with much of the factional opposition which has so long been a source of trouble and weakness. It is towards some such change as this that the foreign well-wishers of China have so long been looking, and it is needless to point out the extent to which it would improve foreign relations with the country and facilitate foreign progress and advancement. Once let the old superstitious traditions of China be removed, and there is every reason to hope that the Chinese would speedily show themselves alive to the advantage of an improved system. All experience shows that they are not by nature so much anti-progressive as the creatures of habit and

the followers of precedent; but the very persistence with which they have for a series of years adhered to a system which, delictive though it is, is the best that has been ever presented to them, would probably cause them to adhere with equal pertinacity to a more enlightened regime when once their high authorities, who have a vast influence over their minds, had set the example by its adoption.

We are informed from Shanghai that the new road to Wooning has been completed.

It is rumoured that the tug *David* was towed over to the Kowloon Docks yesterday by the steam tug *Rane*, for docking.

In the course of the trial of the tug *David* at the Magistrate's residence, Mr. Mitchell sent a note to request Dr. Wherry to attend, but received an answer that that gentleman would not attend unless a subpoena were sent to him.

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the purposes of emigration, or any other purpose whatever."

At this stage the Council was adjourned to Monday next, at 2.30 p.m.

convicted before the Supreme Court of an offence against this Ordinance, the evidence taken upon the trial of such offender shall be their unwelcome in respect of such offence.

...at it was in violation of their constitutional Government."

ward the crew were swabbing decks. The usual mess and noise, over wh

six mile pull against a flood tide took most of the valour out of our braves, and they, wo—



### POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS:

For Maulla.—Per *Mariveles*, to-day, the 26th inst., at 11.30 A.M., instead of at the time previously notified.

For Portland, Oregon.—Per *Forecard*, to-day, the 26th inst., at 11.30 P.M.

For Swatow.—Per *Norna*, to-day, the 26th inst., at 5 P.M.

For Saigon.—Per *Cicops*, to-day, the 26th inst., at 1.30 P.M.

**MAILS BY THE "ENGLISH PACKET."**  
The English-Contract Packet "TANJORE" will be dispatched with the usual Mails for Europe, &c., on SATURDAY, the 26th inst., at noon.  
Money Orders on any of the Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom will be granted until 5 p.m. on the 25th instant.  
Mails for the Continent will be sent until 6 p.m. on the 25th inst.

Letters, &c., may be posted during the night in the box left open for their reception.

Letters for registration will be received until 10 A.M. on the 26th instant.

Letters may be posted until 10 A.M. on the 26th instant, without late fee.

Letters posted after 10 A.M. on the 26th instant, will not be forwarded unless the

The latest time for posting Letters at this Office is 11 A.M., and for Newspapers, Books, or Patterns 10 A.M. on the 26th instant.

Late letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom via Brindisi, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet from 11.30 A.M. to the time of sailing, on payment of a Late Fee of 48 cents cash in addition.

to the postage.

**F. W. MITCHELL,**  
Postmaster General

General Post-Office,  
Hongkong, 18th April, 1873.

**MAILS BY THE "UNITED STATES"  
PACKET**

The United States' Mail Packet "QUANG  
STAR," will be dispatched on WEDNESDAY, the

For Yokohama, San Francisco, the United States and the United Kingdom,  
The Post Office will be open for the reception of Ordinary Letters, Books, Newspapers, &c., until 2.30 P.M..  
Letters can be posted on-board the Packet from 2.30 P.M. to 2.50 P.M., on payment of a

The Prepayment of the Postage to all the above places by this route is compulsory. Correspondence insufficiently prepaid will be forwarded by the English Packets.

Correspondence addressed to Yokohama and the United States must be superscribed QUANG-SE, and that addressed to the United Kingdom must be superscribed "via Saigon."

General Post Office,  
Hongkong, 24th April, 1873.

**MAILS BY THE "FRENCH PACKET."**  
The French Mail Packet "**AMAZONE**" will  
be dispatched on **SATURDAY**, the 3rd May  
at noon, with the Mails—

*Marveilles*; to France and other Continental States (in a closed mail to France), to Saigon, Singapore, Galle, Calcutta, Madras and Bombay. Aden, Seychelles, Reunion and Mauritius, Suva and Alexandria.

The Post Office will be open for the reception of Ordinary Letters, Newspapers, Books, &c. until 11 A.M. on the 3rd May, after which no Letters can be received.

Offices in the United Kingdom will be granted  
 until 5 p.m. on the 2nd May.  
 Letters, for Registration will be received  
 until 10 a.m. on the 3rd May.  
 F. W. MITCHELL,  
*Postmaster General*  
 General Post Office,  
 Hongkong, 24th April, 1873.

It is hereby notified that, a British Post Office having been established at Smyrna, closed Mail will, in future be exchanged between the British Post Office at Alexandria and the new Office at Smyrna. The rates of postage, which must be paid in advance, on Correspondence addressed to Smyrna, when forwarded by British Packet are as follows, viz. :  
Letter, ..... 20 cents per ½ ounce.

Newspapers,...	2	if under 1 ounce.
	4	if above 1 ounce and under 2 ounces.
Book Pockets and Patterns,	8	if above 2 ounces and under 4 ounces.
	8	for every additional ounces.

F. W. MITCHELL.

General Post-Office,  
Hongkong, 11th March, 1873.

It is hereby notified that henceforward the postage on letters addressed to Newfoundland which must be paid in advance, will be as follows, viz.:—

When forwarded via \_\_\_\_\_ 3d cents each ounce

When forwarded via } 34 " " "  
Marseilles.....  
When forwarded via } 28 " " "  
Southampton.....

F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General

General Post-Office,  
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1873.

that the Postage on Letters addressed to New  
way, when forwarded via Southampton, will  
henceforward be 36 cents for each half ounce,  
which may either be paid in advance, or it may  
be left to be collected on delivery of the Letter.  
Unpaid Letters will be subject to an additional  
charge on delivery.

General Post Office,  
Hongkong, 23rd August, 1870.

It is hereby notified that henceforward the postage on letters addressed to Norway, when forwarded via Southampton, will be 3d per half-ounce, prepayment optional. Unpaid letters will be subject to an additional charge on delivery.

General Post-Office,  
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1878.

It is hereby notified that henceforward the postage on letters addressed to Denmark, when forwarded via Southampton, will be 28 cents per half-ounce, prepayment optional. Unpaid letters will be subject to an additional charge.

on delivery,  
F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General  
General Post-Office,  
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1873.

It is hereby notified that Letters addressed to France may be sent either paid or unpaid at the option of the sender; but the postage on

The rate of postage chargeable on—  
Letters addressed to France per  
French Packet is..... 12 cents  
Per British Packet when marked via  
Brindisi..... 18 "  
Per British Packet when marked via  
Alexandria and Marseilles..... 19 "

General Post-Office,  
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1872.

It is hereby notified for general information that, the Postage (which must be paid in advance) upon letters addressed to Prince Edward Island, will henceforward be as follows,

When forwarded via  
Brindisi..... 42 cents each half-ounce.  
When forwarded via  
Marseilles..... 36 cents each half-ounce.  
When forwarded via  
Southampton..... 28 cents each half-ounce

F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.

General Post Office.

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